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Area mourns death of Jack Demmer

Funeral services took place last week for well-known, long-time local businessman John E. "Jack" Demmer.

Mr. Demmer, 93, died peacefully in his home surrounded by his loved ones Jan. 31, 2017 after a year-long battle with lymphoma. Mr. Demmer was the founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Demmer Automotive Group, which includes the iconic Ford dealership in Wayne, located on Michigan Avenue West, almost directly across from the Ford manufacturing facility. The automotive group also includes a Lincoln dealership and collision shop in Dearborn.

Mr. Demmer's sons, Bill and Jim, followed him into the automotive sales business, as he followed his own father, Charles Joseph Demmer. Mr. Demmer's granddaughter, Jackie Demmer, now manages the Dearborn Lincoln dealership.

Mr. Demmer's dealerships are among the largest automotive sellers in the nation and until just a few weeks before his death, he was on site, working, according to his family.

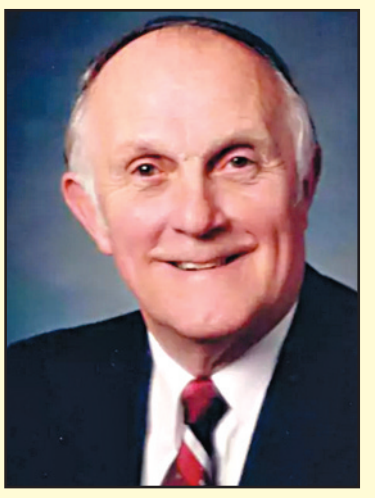
Mr. Demmer sold his first car at the age of 16 working on his father's used car lot on Livernois in Detroit. His father opened the car lot in 1938 after selling used cars from the family home on 14th Street for several years. While at that fledgling enterprise, the Demmers, father and son, would drain the radiators of the cars for sale beginning in October because there was so little business during the winter months.

When his father opened the Livernois lot, Mr. Demmer, an only child, would work there after attending school, having been working with cars since he was 13. He did whatever jobs needed to be done around the lot, and often said he was proud to be able to change a set of tires between two cars, and lube the cars in under a half hour, without power tools or a hoist.

He sold his first car from his father's lot, a 1935 Ford Coupe, for $135 which resulted in a profit of $7.50.

For some time, Mr. Demmer and the bookkeeper were the only salespeople at the lot and one of his strongest memories came on Feb. 14, 1939, when the lot actually sold out of cars.

Mr. Demmer enlisted in the United States Navy during World War II. When he returned from military service, he resumed his career at his father's used car lot while he attended Wayne State University.



John E. "Jack" Demmer

While in college, Mr. Demmer met his future wife, Margaret, whom he married in 1948. In 1951, the couple

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Trustees reject supervisor's appointments

Candidates for the Canton Township Board of Review and the Building Board of Appeals are currently being sought by officials.

Recently, members of the board of trustees failed to approve the appointments of Supervisor Pat Williams for the two boards, commenting that a wider selection of candidates for the positions was needed.

The board members who voted against approving Williams' nominated appointees said that they were not questioning the abilities of those nominated, but rather wanted to choose from a larger field of candidates from the community.

Board members failed to approve the reappointment of Carol Richardson, Anthony Rosati and James Malinowski to 2-year terms on the Canton Board of Review by a 5-2 vote.

> *Williams suggested that if the board members were not in favor of his chosen candidates for the appointments, they should help find others to fill the vacancies.*

Trustees Steven Sneideman, Sommer Foster and Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Treasurer Dian Slavens and Clerk Michael Siegrist voted against the appointment, while Trustee John Anthony and Williams cast the yes votes.

The same 5-2 vote rejected the appointment of Darian Moore, who was unsuccessful in his bid for a term on the board last November. Moore was suggested by Williams as an alternate to the Board of Review.

The trustees also rejected the appointment of Gianfranco "John" Palazzolo to a 2-year term on the Building Board of Appeals. Williams, Anthony and Sneideman were in favor of the appointment while Siegrist, Slavens, Foster and Graham-Hudak cast no votes.

The appointment of Sue Dodson to the Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage was approved with Sneideman and Graham-Hudak casting no votes.

The only unanimous vote on suggested appointments came in favor of naming Foster as the township representative to the Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage.

Williams suggested that if the board members were not in favor of his chosen candidates for the appointments, they should help find others to fill the vacancies. Williams suggested that the rejection of the candidates whom he referred to as "excellent" would require immediate board action as the Board of Review which hears appeals of property tax assessments begins work next month.

The divided voting appeared to coincide along political party lines with Williams and Anthony the only remaining Republicans on the board which has a Democratic majority since the November election.

Township residents willing or interested in serving on the boards are asked to send a resume to Amy Hughesdon at amy.hughesdon@canton-mi.org.

Taking the LEAD

Romulus team participates in national business workshop

Romulus senior Nia Pittman displays her LEAD trophy, awarded for her participation in a national business workshop for students.

Nia Pittman joined an elite group of students last summer and came away with some pretty specialized information.

Pittman, a senior at Romulus High School, participated in the LEAD (LEADership, Education and Development) business classes at Fuqua School of Business at Duke University in Durham, NC. Pittman was among the highly selective class of 30 11th grade students from 14 states selected to participate in the program. Pittman was the only student from Michigan selected.

The LEAD program has partnered with leading U.S. corporations, universities and government agencies to mentor and influence high-potential students from diverse backgrounds to pursue careers in business since 1980. To date, more than 10,000 scholars have participated in summer programs at universities across the country including the University of Michigan, Northwestern, University of Pennsylvania, Duke University, Emory University, New York University and Lehigh University.

During the 2-3 week program, students receive hands-on instruction in business and have an opportunity to interact with executives at top corporations. Pittman was immersed in campus life during the classes and was able to participate in a variety of cultural activities.

Highlights for Pittman, she said, included meeting world-renowned Duke University basketball coach, "Coach K", Mike Krzyzewski, at Cameron Indoor Stadium and participating in a business competition during which her team tied for first place, for their business plan to launch new product, "Last Resort", wearable technology in the form of a safety bracelet, watch and necklace for teens. She said the team-building at Triangle Training Center in Pittsboro, NC was also a favorite activity.

"What I liked the most about LEAD was the experience itself, the diversity, and the relationships. I went to LEAD expecting to stay to myself for three weeks but I made friendships that I know will last for the rest of my life.

"I learned so much about business and entrepreneurship. We got the chance to listen to many different speakers who gave us very valuable information that I can take and use for the rest of my career," Pittman said.

Pittman said she was proud of her business team's winning business idea and successful presentation.

"I learned what it was like to really work with a team on a plan where everyone had different ideas, positions and roles but we had to come together to finish our plan and be successful," she said.

As for meeting the famous basketball coach?

"It was very nice to meet Coach K. He gave us advice on what it's like to work as a team and how during one particular season the team was at its lowest point and was able to overcome and take the victory. He was able to tie that back into real life and what we were going to face working as a team while we were at LEAD."

Pittman learned about LEAD from Linda Denham, Romulus High School liaison for Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan and

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THE BELLEVILLE ENTERPRISE

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Belleville officials will have no lack of approved candidates for the one full-time and two part-time positions open on the police department.

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THE CANTON EAGLE

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THE INKSTER LEDGER STAR

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Inkster Mayor Byron Nolen presented his annual State of the City address last Thursday before a capacity crowd at the Booker Dozier Recreation Center.

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THE NORTHVILLE EAGLE

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A large group of parents is expected to descend on Northville High School this Saturday to hear a panel of admission representatives from colleges and universities.

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THE PLYMOUTH EAGLE

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Abraham Lincoln and his wife, Mary Todd Lincoln, will celebrate the former president's birthday with a lunch at the Plymouth Historical Museum this Sunday.

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THE ROMULUS ROMAN

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More than 200 residents filled the Romulus Athletic Center Jan. 19 to hear Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff present his annual State of the City address.

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THE WAYNE EAGLE

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The intergovernmental agreement between the Wayne and Westland fire departments ended Feb. 1, four months ahead of the contractual expiration date.

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THE WESTLAND EAGLE

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The Westland Ordinance Department has been renamed the Department of Neighborhood Services and will be now be led by Hassan Saab.

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Belleville - Canton

Plugged in
Library donates computers to B.L.O.C.K.

The B.L.O.C.K. Youth & Teen Center now has a fully functional computer lab available to teens at the facility.

The Canton Public Library recently donated the computers for the lab which is actively utilized by area teens.

"We are beyond grateful to the Canton Public Library for their donation of Dell Optiplex computers," said Recreation Specialist Laura Mortier. "The kids are thrilled to have more up-to-date technology on which to do their homework, research information and play games. The kindness of the library spread such positive morale throughout the entire facility."

The donation came about as a result of a tour of The B.L.O.C.K. facility taken by Marian Nicholson, Canton Public Library department head of business services, as part of the Canton Township Leadership program, which takes place annually in an effort to educate area business leaders about township operations and services. While on tour, Nicholson realized the need for new equipment at the B.L.O.C.K. and reached out to Leo Papa, Canton Public Library information technology department head, to inquire about the possibility of the library donating several old computers slated to be replaced with new models.

"Sure enough, months later Leo Papa contacted me and was able to replace the whole lab," said Mortier. "We went from a mixed-match of computers to a fully-functional computer lab."

The B.L.O.C.K. Youth & Teen Center, which stands for Building Leaders Out of Canton's Kids, is a 3,000 square foot center which provides a fun, teen-friendly environment where students from ages 11-17 can participant in supervised after school programs, social events, and activities. The center is located on the third floor of the Canton Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. For more information, visit www.canton-fun.org or call (734) 398-5570.

Makayla Webb tackles her homework at The B.L.O.C.K. Youth & Teen Center on a computer donated by the Canton Public Library.

Service commissioners approve 7 police applicants

Belleville Police Chief Hall Berriman and City Manager Diana Kollmeyer will have no lack of approved candidates for the three open positions on the police department.

Currently, there are one full-time and two part-time vacancies to be filled.

Members of the Belleville Civil Service Commission have approved seven candidates for the positions.

Suggested for hire, in alphabetical order, were:

Alan Benson, a reserve officer with the Grosse Ile Police Department and a recent graduate of Schoolcraft College Police Academy. He also has a bachelors degree in hotel management and an associates degree in culinary arts.

Tyler Bielecki, who graduated third in his class last December from Mott Community College Police Academy. Bielecki is a resident of Brownstown Township and earned his four-year criminal justice degree in two years at the University of Michigan and served a 6-month internship with the U.S. Marshall's Office in Detroit.

Sarah Dzagulones, a Southgate resident who earned her bachelors degree in communications and English and an associates degree in criminal justice at Schoolcraft Community College in 2013. She worked at the Madison Heights Police Department for 14 months prior to leaving that department last year.

Stephen Koren, a 2003 graduate of Belleville High School who lives in Van Buren Township. Koren is currently a part-time officer with the Carleton Police Department . He was employed with the Hamtramck and Ypsilanti police departments and is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He is also a member of the Army reserves. He earned his associates degree in criminal justice in 2012 from Washtenaw Community College and has completed police academy training.

Ahmed Kassem, also a graduate of the police academy at Schoolcraft Community College who also has an associates degree in criminal justice. He is now a member of the Army Reserves and served in the U.S. military.

Glenn Morrison, a retired Detroit Police officer and Belleville resident. Morrison has 39 years of police experience and also served in the U.S. Navy. He also retired from Oakland Community College last year.

Michael Randall served as a commissioner on the Livingston County Board of Commissioners for two terms and served as an assistant fire chief in Howell. He also served as a sergeant in the Pinckney Police Department.

Members of the Civil Service Commission include Chairman Douglas Dalton, Monique Gary and Jacqueline Schank-Ulch. Ulch was absent from the evaluation interviews.

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CITY OF WESTLAND
2017 Animal Licenses

Licenses must be obtained on or before Tuesday, March 1, 2017 for all animals age four (4) months or older. A statement of rabies vaccination must be presented upon applying for an animal license. Beginning Thursday, March 2, 2017, a $5.00 penalty will be assessed. (*Westland Code of Ordinances; as amended: Chapter 18; Section 9*) Licenses may be purchased at the:

Westland City Clerk's Office, 36300 Warren Road, Westland
or
Michigan Humane Society, 900 Newburgh Road, Westland

Richard LeBlanc
Westland City Clerk

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*****On February 1, 2017, the Civil Service Commission approved extending the deadline in which to apply for Civil Service Testing for Laborer/Outside Classified Positions.**
The deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m., Monday, February 13, 2017.***

CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF CIVIL SERVICE TESTING
LABORER POSITIONS

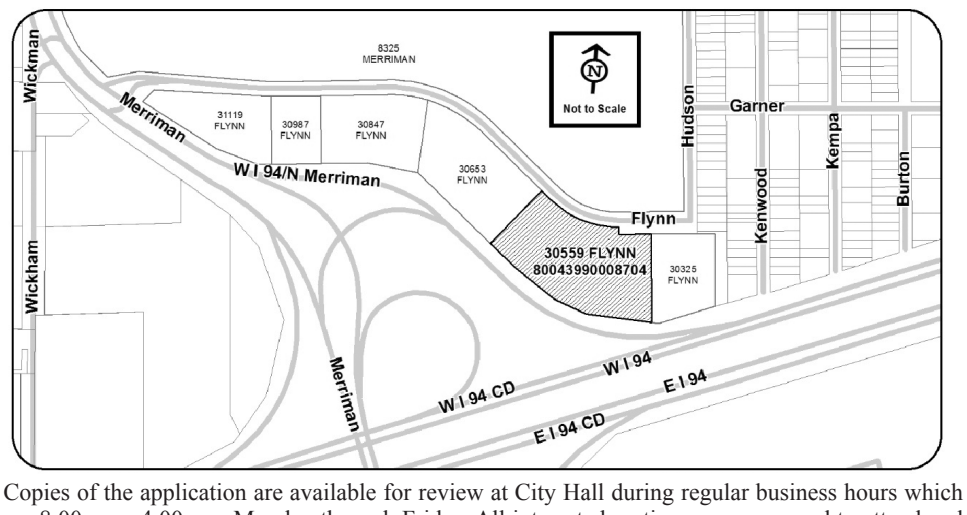
Notice is given that the City of Westland shall conduct Civil Service testing to create a list of qualified applicants for filling future laborer positions. Qualified individuals must complete a job application and submit a resume to determine eligibility; only those individuals who fulfill minimum requirements will be tested. Minimum requirements: Commercial Driver's License with A endorsement preferred or obtained within six (6) months from date of hire, High School diploma or GED equivalency, Certificate (25-48 credit hours resulting in certificate), or Associate's degree in any skilled trades preferred; or the equivalent education and/or work experience. Work is performed primarily outdoors and in all types of weather. Must be able to work overtime, including weekends and holidays. Competitive pay and comprehensive benefits package. For placement on Civil Service Eligibility List, applicant must successfully pass all testing. The City will limit Civil Service testing to the first fifty (50) applicants, based on date of submission of application and resume, who meet the minimum requirements. Your completed application, a resume including five (5) references will be accepted through 5:00 p.m., Monday, February 13, 2017 at the Office of Personnel, City Hall, City of Westland, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185; after which time no applications shall be accepted. Application for employment may be found on City website www.cityofwestland.com. EOE WL0005 - 020917 2.5 x 2.487

CITY OF ROMULUS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Marriott Hotel
30559 Flynn
WEDNESDAY March 1, 2017

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2017** at the Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road for the purpose of considering a variance request for BZA-2017-002, Marriott Hotel.

A variance from *Section 7.04, Area, Height, and Placement Requirements* of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a front setback along I-94 of 46 feet 2 inches is requested. In the RC, Regional Center District, the front setback requirement is 50 feet. The applicant is proposing the addition of a fitness center.

The subject property is located at 30559 Flynn. DP#: 80-043-99-0008-704.



Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours which are 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CITY OF ROMULUS
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Romulus City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 to consider a new Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, as amended for **Daehan Solutions Georgia LLC, 10401 Harrison Road, Romulus, MI 48174.**

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Land in the City of Romulus, Wayne County, Michigan
Parcel: 80 052 99 0001 702 Property Address: 10401 Harrison Road
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THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING! All interested citizens are invited to attend, and will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposal. Written comments may be forwarded no later than February 27, 2017 at 12 o'clock noon, Prevailing Eastern Time to the attention of:

City of Romulus, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174
734-942-7540

THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 167 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (2) (3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act. (ADA).
Individuals with disabilities requiring aids or services should contact the City of Romulus Clerk's office by writing or calling the following:
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, 734-942-7540.
A copy of this notice is on file in the office of the clerk.
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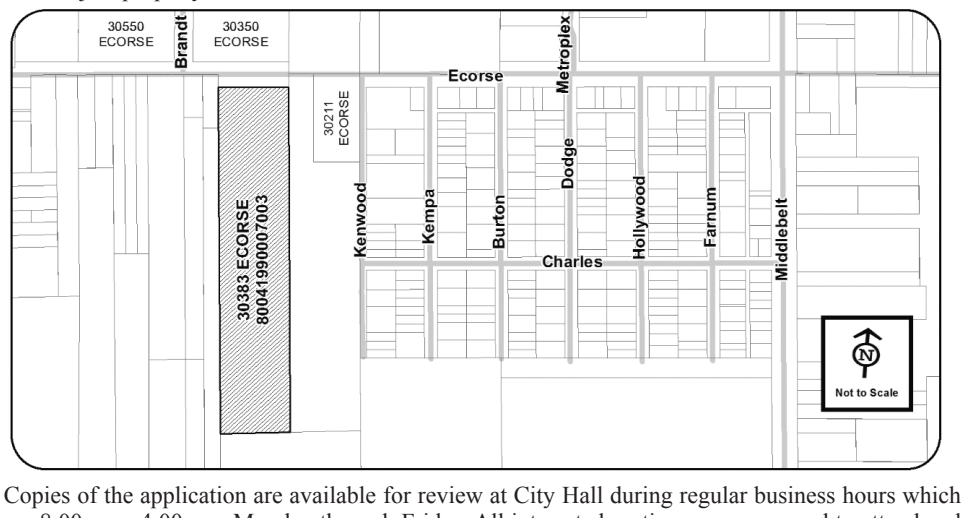
CITY OF ROMULUS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Benlee Inc.
30383 Ecorse
WEDNESDAY March 1, 2017

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2017** at the Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road for the purpose of considering a variance request for BZA-2017-003, Benlee Inc.

The following variances from the Zoning Ordinance are requested:

1. A variance from *Section 11.17(b), Accessory Uses* to allow the amount of outdoor storage to exceed 125% in the M-1, Light Industrial District, and
2. In accordance with Section 20.04(a), *Nonconforming Uses*, a variance to allow the expansion of a nonconforming use.

The subject property is located at 30383 Ecorse. DP#: 80 041 99 0007 003.



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Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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ROMULUS - INKSTER

Mayors report on the 'State of City'

Romulus is poised for growth

More than 200 residents filled the Romulus Athletic Center Jan. 19 to hear Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff present his annual State of the City address.

Local business partners, city board and commission members and leaders from local, county and state government attended the fourth annual address Burcroff has presented regarding the state of the community. This year, the mayor chose Building Community, with city programs and services showing care and compassion, as the topic of his presentation.

Highlights of the mayor's address included the partnerships the city has formed with organizations to leverage relationships and highlight Romulus. Agreements with organizations including the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority, the Detroit Regional Chamber and others were cited and Burcroff said working with the Michigan Municipal League is giving the city resources for economic development and education for citizens regarding municipal finances.

He stressed the advancements in communication in the city regarding programs and events, a consistent theme, he said, of his administration. He mentioned the new mobile app. CodeRED, is an emergency notification system that sends calls to landlines and cell phones registered in the city during emergency events.

Burcroff mentioned the recognition of the city as a "Five-Star" community through the University of Michigan-Dearborn eCities survey for the first time, one of only six municipalities to be featured as a "Best Practice Community" for innovative programs and best practices geared toward business development. Also in 2016, the city achieved impressive development numbers; having more than $149 million in new investment and 1,150 new jobs created.

Burcroff stressed the importance of being a family-friendly and compassionate city, demonstrated, he said, by the growth and enhancement of some newer events. The city-sponsored Black History Bus Tour doubled in size in 2016 from its inaugural year in 2015. A new Public Art Project was sponsored by the Arts Council and Downtown Development Authority that gained the attention of artists from around the country as well as beautified some of the parks and public spaces. Movies in the Park continue to grow with over 500 people in attendance at the July movie night. The Fall Family Fun Festival was another success with even more hayrides and stories in the Historical Park and more than 300 children and family members in attendance, he noted. The Scarecrow Contest in the downtown area showed much more engagement with 57 groups and organizations participating. There was a lot of holiday cheer spread around the community with some other programs highlighted including coat drives, Adopt-a-Family programs, Romulus Goodfellows: No Child without a Christmas initiative, and the new Wreaths Across America program.

Public safety, Burcroff said, is always a priority in the community and last year,

LeRoy D. Burcroff

Four officers and one dispatcher were hired in the police department where a new initiative, CPR, or Community-Police Relations was initiated. During the year, this group met as a committee to work on building relationships between the community, youth and the public safety department. One outreach program was a youth roundtable event that brought high school students together with public safety department officials, and clergy members for fellowship, question/answer sessions and brainstorming.

Burcroff also highlighted a new "WRAP" program in partnership with the Great Lakes Water Authority to assist eligible, low-income residential customers with their water bills. He also touted their new stickering and notification process which better alerts residents to shut-off warnings and payment options. By implementing cost-reduction solutions and maintaining a stable fund balance, he said he felt confident in the good financial decisions being made under his administration.

Assessed values for industrial, residential and commercial properties all showed an increase in 2016. Burcroff invited the audience members and the public, to a community forum beginning at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 23 presented by the Michigan Municipal League regarding the limitations that cities in Michigan face based on the financial laws of the state. This presentation will take place at the Romulus Athletic Center.

Overall, Burcroff said, the city completed 94 percent of "rocks" (top, key projects assigned each quarter) during 2016, the highest completion rate during his administration to date.

Looking ahead to 2017, Burcroff gave updates on key developments including the proposed Outlets of Michigan mall, downtown businesses and the 34th District Court project. Another goal of his administration, he said, is becoming certified with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Redevelopment Ready program. This set of best practices outlined by MEDC helps communities streamline their development process and, once certified, gives assistance in marketing and promoting some key redevelopment sites.

Proceeds raised from the State of the City event, totaling more than $3,000, will be used to enhance the Sounds in Downtown summer concert series and Movies in the Park programs that take place on Fridays in June, July and August.

To view the address in its entirety, visit the www.youtube.com/CityofRomulus or contact Burcorff's office to request a DVD copy at (734) 942-7571.

Inkster changes are positive

Inkster Mayor Byron Nolen presented his annual State of the City address last Thursday before a capacity crowd at the Booker Dozier Recreation Center.

While Nolen addressed a myriad of issues in the city, he stressed public safety as his main priority and had good news for residents concerned about crime in the community.

He lauded new Police Chief William Riley's programs for concentration on public service and employee training and noted that a new scholarship program allowed Inkster to send two individuals to the police academy at no cost to the city, thanks to Riley and local business owner Imam Pasha, who helped fund the program.

Nolen noted that the police department purchased 35 body cameras and has increased training in sensitivity, cultural awareness and first aid.

The city received three state grants totaling $782,328 to help increase staffing and replace equipment and vehicles in addition to the two new patrol SUVs, the first new police vehicles purchased by the city in more than 6 years.

He said that while some increases in crime were reported, overall crime in the city has been reduced by 12 percent.

He noted that new zoning ordinances have been proposed to require businesses to have high definition cameras outside their businesses to help deter crime.

"If you commit a crime in Inkster, you will get caught and you will pay the price," he told the crowd.

The responsibility for ordinance enforcement has been returned to the police department, Nolen said, one of his first executive decisions since voters approved the new, strong mayor form of government last November. Nolen is now the full-time mayor and Chief Executive Officer, replacing the former city manager form of government by charter revision.

Nolen said cleaning up the community is as much a priority for him as it is for many citizens concerned about the illegal dumping in the city. He said violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, which could include the seizure of the violator's vehicle and equipment.

Nolen cited the many accomplishments of the fire department during the last year, including the maintaining of 12 employees funded by grants. The department also procured a new fire rescue truck and a reserve truck to ensure service to the citizens. He noted the efforts of the firefighters, under new Chief Chuck Hubbard, to help clean up the city.

Byron Nolen

He noted that tentative negotiations with the City of Wayne were under way regarding a fire authority with that community.

He spoke of the improved Youth and Parks and Recreation services and noted that the city was hoping for a state grant to continue to provide services to the residents.

The mayor reminded the crowd that last year, he had addressed various goals for the city and included accountability of public officials among those.

He detailed a number of staffing and departmental changes he has implemented since Dec. 12 which have already shown benefits to the community. He announced, too, that the city was initiating a new program to better utilize technology to cut costs and improve city services. He said city meetings could soon be televised on a city channel, along with public service announcements and community events.

He said the return of some former Inkster School District property to the city was significant and that he was negotiating for the return of more property to benefit taxpayers.

He detailed plans for a new entertainment district along Michigan Avenue and added services for senior citizens.

"Our vision is simply to rebuild our commercial and residential areas. To rebrand our city with all of the positive energy and change that reflects the new era that we are in. To continue to reshape our government, to improve the way we deliver services to our residents and businesses owners. This is what change looks like. And as always, we have one love, one cause, one city."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 9, 2017 for the following:

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES DDA STREETSCAPE 2017-2019

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – January 31, 2017

A regular study session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Foster, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens, Sneideman, Williams Members Absent: None Staff Present: Director Meier, Deputy Chief Stoecklein, Deputy Chief Baugh, Barb Caruso, Kristin Kolb **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Anthony to amend the agenda to move Citizen Comments to the first topic of the meeting. Motion carried by all members present. **Citizen's Non-Agenda Item Comments:** Karra Thomas, Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority, Prevention Services Manager - Substance Use Disorder Programs presented a Certificate of Appreciation for 2016 to the township. Supervisor Williams and the Director of Public Meier accepted on the behalf of the township. Dr. Tom Poirier, 2806 Denton, commented to the board that he is against having the large bins for automated recycling. He feels the bins are too large and unmanageable. He is leery that large regular trash bins will be next. He feels the current system works very well. Kathy and Walt Filas, residents, spoke against the automated recycling program. They feel it would only benefit the company. In their subdivision, 56% of the residents placed recycle bins out today. Large bins would go not go out as often as smaller bins resulting in the company having less bins to pick up on a weekly basis. Less work to do and less employees required to do the pickup result in less expenses and more profit for the trash collection company. They offered the board research documents on Rizzo. They would like the board to await the results of the investigation into the Rizzo business dealings before voting to extend or alter the existing contract. **STUDY SESSION: TOPIC 1: Open Meetings Act. (Legal)** 1. Introduction/Critical Definitions "Meeting" "Decisions" 2. Basics Purpose and intent of the Open Meetings Act Notice requirements for public meetings. Voting requirements for public bodies Parliamentary Procedure/Motion making Closed Sessions Procedural concerns Lawful bases for closed sessions Minutes Penalties for Violation Important Case Law 10. Miscellaneous/cautionary tales. A complete outline of the presentation is available in the Township Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton MI 48188 during regular business hours or by calling 734-394-5120. **TOPCI 2: Citizen Complaint and Discipline Process. (PSD)** Public Safety will present an overview of the department's Citizen Complaint Policy, and it's Employee Discipline Process. The department will also touch on the recent tracking of citizen compliments toward employees. A complete copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Township Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton MI 48188 during regular business hours or by calling 734-394-5120. **ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned by unanimous decision at 8:52 p.m. **Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk**

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, 734-394-5120, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval. CN1437 - 020917 2.5 x 3.331

CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF CIVIL SERVICE TESTING
EMERGENCY DISPATCHERS

Notice is given that the City of Westland shall conduct Civil Service testing to create a list of qualified applicants for filling future emergency dispatcher positions. Qualified individuals must complete a job application, submit a resume and meet minimum qualifications. Minimum qualifications: successful completion of the 40-hour Basic Telecommunications course (Module 1) and/or Emergency Fire Dispatch training as approved by the State of Michigan preferred but not required, or prior experience as an Emergency Services Dispatcher or similar position; high school diploma or GED, type 35 wpm, speak and write English. Applicants must be able to multi-task, work in a high stress environment, work varying shifts, extended hours, overtime, weekends, nights and holidays. Convicted felons are prohibited from operation of LEIN system or systems that interface with the LEIN system. The City will limit Civil Service testing to the first fifty (50) applicants, based on date of submission of application and resume, who meet the minimum requirements. Competitive pay and comprehensive benefits package. Testing shall assess written and skills abilities. Application and resume along with 5 references accepted beginning 10:00 a.m. (EST), Monday, February 6, 2017 at the Office of Personnel, City Hall, City of Westland, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185. The application process shall run from 10:00 a.m., February 6, 2017 through 4:00 p.m. (EST), Friday, February 24, 2017 after which time no applications shall be accepted. Application on City website, www.cityofwestland.com. EOE WL0004 - 020917 2.5 x 2.102

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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Wayne - Westland

Westland creates new department, director

The Westland Ordinance Department has a new name and new leadership.

The former ordinance department will be referred to as the Department of Neighborhood Services and will be led by Hassan Saab, Westland Construction and Maintenance Superintendent for the Department of Public Service.

Saab has been with the city for two years and has 23 years of experience with the Wayne County Department of Public Service. He holds a Ph. D in structural engineering and a masters degree in civil engineering.

The new Department of Neighborhood Services will encompass all services that were previously handled under the ordinance division, including commercial ordinance enforcement which was assigned to the fire department in 2009

In 2011, fire department personnel also began to perform residential ordinance enforcement in the city with a main focus at that time on vacant homes. The effort was a move to concentrate on addressing blight throughout the city, according to a statement from the mayor's office.

Those additional responsibilities dramatically increased the ordinance workload in the fire department and ultimately led to hiring subcontractors to help perform the required inspections and enforcement. On a daily basis, the Fire Marshal Division had a "dramatically increased workload taking and receiving complaints and handing disputes of charges," according to the mayor's office.

"This new transition puts the focus back on critical ordinance issues, re-branded with a new vision and new processes will go into effect to streamline operations and promote pro-activity. This will allow the Fire Marshal Division to focus on the life and safety of our business owners and residents," noted Mayor William Wild.

"The city worked hard to ensure this transition was seamless and without interruption of services to residents.

"Under Saab's new leadership, I am confident that residents will begin to see improved services through the Department of Neighborhood Services," he concluded.

Contact the Department of Neighborhood Service at www.cityofwestland.com or call (734) 713-3733.

Demmer

FROM PAGE 1

moved to Dearborn where Mr. Demmer met Jimmy Spitler while playing baseball on the church men's club team. The two became friends and decided to form a business partnership.

The men approached their idea for a car dealership to Ford Motor Co., Chevrolet, Plymouth and Pontiac executives. Finally in the spring of 1957, Ford Motor Co. approved the men for an Edsel dealership.

They opened Spitler-Demmer Edsel in September of 1957 in a former gas station with a one-car showroom, in what was Nankin Township, at the corner of Glenwood and Wayne Road. The Spitler-Demmer dealership eventually moved to 35540 Michigan Ave. West in Wayne, although the Edsel was discontinued in 1960. Mr. Demmer acquired the entire dealership in 1975 and eventually moved the dealership, now called Jack Demmer Ford, further west on Michigan Avenue to the current site, which has been extensively remodeled and expanded during the years.

Mr. Demmer had also acquired a Ford-Mercury dealership in South Lyon and his two sons, Bill and Jim, eventually joined him in the auto business.

In 1994, he expanded his business interests and founded the Community Bank of Dearborn with board members from the former Dearborn Bank and Trust. He purchased a Lincoln Mercury dealership in Farmington Hills in 1998, and in 2000 he acquired Krug Lincoln-Mercury in Dearborn, one of the largest Lincoln-Mercury dealerships in the country.

His longevity and success did not go unnoticed. When Ford Motor Co. recognized Mr. Demmer's 50 years in business in 2010, he didn't hesitate to remind them that including his time selling the Edsel, his dealership was actually 53-years-old.

Mr. Demmer was known throughout the area for his contributions to the community and his support and involvement in various charities and civic organizations.

"Jack Demmer was a true blue member of the extended Ford family. And he treated everyone who came to the Demmer Ford and Lincoln dealerships as a member of his own extended family. Jack also brought our Ford values to life through his many contributions to the community," said Mark LaNeve, vice president, Ford Marketing, Sales and Service.

In addition to his wife of 68 years, Margaret, and sons, Bill (Sharon) and Jim (Linda), Mr. Demmer is survived by his four daughters, Patricia (Tom) Groszko, Susan (Bill) Hermann, Marianne (Art) Nelson and Jean (Colin) Zick; 21 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter-in-law, Shirley, nee Dudek, Demmer.

Mr. Demmer was entombed at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be sent in his name to the Monsignor Herbert Weier Scholarship Charitable Trust, Kelly's Kidz Foundation, Penrickton Center for Blind Children, Starfish Family Services or Angela Hospice.

Joint fire contract ends

It was a short-lived marriage but ended amicably.

The intergovernmental agreement between the Wayne and Westland fire departments ended without much ado Feb. 1, four months ahead of the contractual expiration date.

Wayne Mayor Susan Rowe said the decision to end the four-year arrangement was mutual and that the split was "amicable."

"This will not impact fire services in either community," she said. "This is an amicable split and will allow us to pursue a fire authority with another community."

Rowe said that the split would not impact the dispatch operation which is shared with Westland or impact Mutual Aid in case of a severe fire emergency.

Staffing will not be impacted in the Wayne Fire Department, Rowe said, where a federal SAFER grant has funded the hiring of four firefighters, "and we have posted for three more," she added.

Westland Fire Chief Michael Stradtner will continue to oversee both the Wayne and Westland departments, which is a cost-savings for Wayne, Rowe said.

The change will see only Wayne firefighters responding to Wayne calls, unless the situation necessitates a call for Mutual or Automatic Aid. The dispatch assignment map has been realigned to the former call areas for assignment by dispatchers, that is Wayne firefighters sent to Wayne calls and Westland firefighters sent only to Westland calls. Under the joint agreement, which included a re-labeling of equipment and vehicles, Westland firefighters were covering a portion of Wayne.

Rowe was scheduled to attend a Westland City Council meeting and Wild a Wayne meeting to ensure a complete understanding of the early termination by officials. Both councils voted to approve the split and both mayors said this was an effort to ensure that the change ended on a positive note for the communities.

"This was, financially, the best decision for us," Rowe said. "We are looking at other avenues, other alternatives," she added.

In addition to the fire chief, the two communities continue to share the services of Department of Public Services Director Ramzi El-Gharib and have been discussing the merger of the two district courts, the 18th in Westland and the 29th in Wayne.

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1. Obituaries

Velma Louise Franklin
died Jan. 25, 2017

Ms. Franklin was born June 20, 1928 in Montgomery, AL to the late Clarence and Lula Shaw. She attended the public schools in Montgomery and graduated from George Washington Carver High School. Ms. Franklin loved her family and the church. Family was always important, especially celebrating the holidays. By reading the Bible daily, she was well prepared to encourage, to inspire and devote her life to Jesus Christ. She was a talented individual and had indefinite number of hobbies, interests, and skills. Ms. Franklin worked at Wayne County General Hospital for 25 years prior to her retirement in 1983. Among her survivors are her two daughters, Carolyn and Rose (Richard Jr.); four grandsons; seven great-grandchildre; her nieces, other family members and a host of friends. Interment was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. Final arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

32. Help Wanted Drivers

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59. Auctions

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1997 GMC
1GDFGA5R7V1104842
2001 FORD
1FMPU16L31LB72514
1989 OLD
1G3WR14W3KD30572
2000 BUICK
264WS52J8Y1117991
2001 FORD
1FAFP55U91G267005
2006 MDODGE
2D8FV47T16H123654
2005 CHEV
1G1AL12F357635076
2004 MAZDA
JM3LW28A740501727
2002 PONT
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1997 FORD
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2009 CAD
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2012 ART
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FORD
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2002 MERC
WDBRF61J32F153163
2004 CHEV
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2004 FORD
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2002 FORD
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1999 PLY
1P3EJ46X7XN570461
2003 FORD
1FAFP55U03G134586
2001 VW
3VWDD21C21M449802
CHRY
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2003 PONT
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2G1WF52E929212413
1998 FORD
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96. Houses For Rent

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Romulus Celebrates
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2017

Before the Blues: Musical Workshop
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Thursday, February 9th at 6:30 p.m.
Romulus Public Library (734) 942-7589

Romulus Black History Bus Tour
Featuring Stops on the Underground Railroad
Saturday, February 11th at 10:00 a.m.
Romulus City Hall Parking Lot (734) 942-7571

African Folktales & Instruments
Children's Program with Miz Rosie
Tuesday, February 21st at 6:30 p.m.
Romulus Public Library (734) 942-7589

Most programs require RSVP.
Please call the listed number for each event for more information.

NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

Lunch with the Lincolns

Museum event celebrates President's birthday

Abraham Lincoln and his wife, Mary Todd Lincoln, will celebrate the former president's birthday with a luncheon at the Plymouth Historical Museum this Sunday, Feb. 12.

The Lincolns--portrayed by Fred and Bonnie Priebe--will talk about the involvement of Michigan in the Civil War and about mourning customs of 1862, the time of their son Willie's passing.

The lunch and program will begin at noon and continue until 2 p.m. The luncheon menu includes several of Mr. Lincoln's favorite foods.

"We are fortunate to have the largest collection of exhibited Lincoln memorabilia in the state," said Museum Executive Director Elizabeth Kerstens. "Lincoln's birthday seemed a perfect time to invite folks here to enjoy it."

Opened in 2002, the Abraham Lincoln Exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum is a result of the lifetime collection amassed by Dr. Weldon Petz.

Highlights of the Weldon Petz Lincoln Room include:Artifacts from Lincoln's youth;a rare book belonging to Lincoln as a boy; rare family genealogy and photographs; handwritten legal documents and law books; life mask of Lincoln made in 1860; Civil War art; a lock of Lincoln's hair; artifacts from the Lincoln assassination; Lincoln and Hamlin presidential campaign banner that hung on the Starkweather home in Plymouth in 1860 and the Lincoln archives containing more than 1,200 books, photographs, and clip files.

Classes and tours of the museum and the Lincoln collection are available by trained museum guides and teachers, Kerstens said.

Bill Cottrell, a guide in the museum Lincoln Room, said that interest in Lincoln and the Civil war remains high more than 150 years after his death.

"There are several Civil War Roundtables in the area," Cottrell said. "Including one here in Plymouth. It's a reflection of how people still regard Lincoln and his presidency."

Tickets, $30 for members and $35 for non-museum members, are available at www.plymouthhistory.org. Admission includes the special exhibit "Celebrating Plymouth -150 Years", the Lincoln Room and all other museum areas.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main St. Plymouth MI 48170. The Plymouth Historical Museum also features a late 19th-century Victorian recreation of Main Street, tracing the growth of the small town from the railroad depot to the general store. A Timeline of Plymouth is the newest permanent exhibit, featuring displays on the Daisy Air Rifle, Ford Village Industries, the Alter Motor Car, World War II, communication history, and much more.

Fred and Bonnie Priebe

School set for 'Parent Camp' this Sunday

A large group of campers is expected to descend on Northville High School this Saturday.

There won't be campfires and s'mores, however, as these campers are parents of students in the district who will hear a panel of admission representatives from colleges and universities throughout the Midwest, and have access to 30 breakout sessions on various topics led by district educators.

This is the second annual Parent Camp and is planned from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the high school located at 45700 Six Mile Road in Northville. Admission is free and no pre-registration is required.

Colleges and universities represented in the Keynote Session will include Alma College, Eastern Michigan University, Michigan State University, Oberlin College, Schoolcraft College and the University of Chicago. The panel will outline the college admissions process, as well as share insights into finding the "right fit" for students, the changing world of higher education, and how to help students successfully transition to life on his or her own. There also will be time for questions from the audience. In addition, representatives from the colleges and universities participating in the Keynote Session will host individual breakout sessions.

Registration and refreshments will begin at 8:30 a.m. Feb. 11 with the Keynote Session starting at 9 a.m. Breakout sessions will take place from 10:10--11 a.m.; 11:10 a.m.-noon; and 12:30-1:20 p.m. There will be a short refreshment break from noon-12:30 p.m. All sessions will conclude by 2 p.m.

For more information about Parent Camp, contact the office of instruction at (248) 344-3520.

Concerned Citizens group hosts county commissioner

Wayne County Commissioner Joe Barone, R-Plymouth, will be the featured speaker at the Feb. 15 meeting of the Plymouth Concerned Citizens at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St. Plymouth.

Barone, who has a law practice on Main Street in downtown Plymouth, is serving his first elected two-year term representing the 10th Wayne County Commission District. Barone was appointed to fill a vacancy in 2015 created when Shannon Price resigned his county commission seat after being appointed Plymouth Township Supervisor.

The 10th District includes Plymouth and both Plymouth and Canton townships. Barone and Terry Marecki of Livonia are the only two Republicans serving on the 15-member county commission.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. and is open to the public. For more information visit: plymouthconcernedcitizens.com.

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Calendar of events

Historic calendars for sale

The 2017 Belleville Area Historical Society calendar is now available and has been discounted to $5.

The calendars can be purchased at several tri-community locations including, Belleville Area Museum, Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, Belleville City Hall, Garden Fantasy on Main, Sumpter Ace Hardware, Sumpter Township, and the Van Buren Township Hall Treasurer's office.

The museum is located at 405 Main St. in Belleville.

For more information, contact Katie Dallos at (734) 697-1944.

Citizens Academy enrollment open

Canton residents who want to learn more about how their police department works will have that opportunity during the upcoming Citizens Police Academy in the township.

Individuals who attend the academy will have the opportunity to learn the policies and operational procedures of the department through presentations, demonstrations and hands-on activities

This year, the Citizens Police Academy will take place from 6-9 p.m. on Thursdays for eight weeks beginning April 6 and continuing through May 25.

Class size is limited for this free program. Applicants are limited to Canton Township residents who are at least 21 years of age. Applicants must have no felony convictions and no misdemeanor convictions in the past three years, Applicants will be subject to a background check.

Applications for the academy will accepting online at www.cantonpublicsafety.org, through Feb. 28 or in person at the front desk of the Canton Police Department located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

More information is available by contacting Special Services Sgt. Ed Johnson at (734) 394-5411.

Patriotic volunteers sought

Plymouth Township officials are seeking volunteers to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of the regular meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at township hall.

Suggested qualifications include being an active duty or retired military serviceman or woman, a member of a service or Scouting organization, a retired first responder, member of a student government organization or a patriotic citizen.

Interested residents should contact Sue Brams, executive assistant to the supervisor at sbrams@plymouthtwp.org; or call (734)354-3204.

Congregation meets Sunday

Redeemer Lutheran Church offers worship services at 11 a.m. Sunday at Tyler Elementary School, 42200 Tyler Road in Belleville.

For more information call (734)740-4230 or access www.redeemerlutheranchurchmi.com.

Legislator hosts coffee hours

State Rep. Kristy Pagan (D-Canton) will host monthly coffee hours at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month at Panera Bread, 41950 Ford Road in Canton Township.

Pagan has invited residents to join her to discuss their thoughts and ideas about how she can best represent and address the needs of her constituents.

Raffle benefits children's foundation

The Garden City Rotary 200 Club Raffle to benefit the Jory Children's Foundation is now under way.

The grand prize is a two-year prepaid lease on a 2017 Ford Focus SE or $4,000; second price is round trip airfare for two from Spirit Airlines and third prize is dinner for to aboard Old Road Murder Mystery Dinner Trains.

Complete rules can be found at www.jorykids.com. Only 200 tickets at $50 each will be sold and winners need not be present at the drawing which is planned for from 7-11 p.m. March 4 at Skateland West, 37550 Cherry Hill in Westland.

Genealogy class offered

Experienced members of the Northville Genealogical Society will host an intermediate class featured new areas of research from 10:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Feb. 11 at the Novi Public Library, 45225 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

The class is free but registration is required on the Novi Library website or by phone at (248) 349-0720. Attendees should bring a lunch or plan a stop at the library café.

Following a noon break, the class will continue with hands-on help with individual research using the library computer lab.

For more information, call (248) 349-0720.

Book sale planned

Friends of Westland Library will host a two-day Bag Book Sale from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 and from noon until 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12.

Both days are $4 bag days.

The library is located at 6123 Central City Pkwy. in Westland.

For information, call (734) 326-6123.

Hayden's donates to United Way

Hayden's Grill & Bar of Canton and Plymouth Community United Way are partnering to raise funds for community outreach programs. Hayden's will be donating 15 percent of diners' bills to United Way from 11 a.m. until midnight Friday, Feb. 10.

Customers will need to present a flyer to their servers to facilitate the donation to Plymouth Community United Way. Flyers can be downloaded directly from www.plymouthunitedway.org, or shown on your mobile device.

For more information, call Randi Williams at (734) 453-6879, ext. 5 or e-mail randi.williams@pcuw.org.

Comedy workshop available

Do you have that knack to be funny? Are you that type of person that is not a risk taker? Do you like to speak in front of people? Would you like to break out of your comfort zone? Then maybe you should take an Improv Comedy Workshop taught by instructor John Thiede. Improv comedy will help you in the everyday world by teaching you to think on your feet and how to react and adapt very quickly to those unplanned events.

At the end of the class the ensemble will have a small show for their friends and family. Course #:ARTC-6005/CRN 42080. The class fee is $ 75 and the workshops will take place from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Feb. 11 through March 25 at Wayne County Community College District Western Campus, 9555 Haggerty Road, Belleville, MI 48111

Free legal advice available

A free legal presentation and assistance is planned for 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15 offered by the Wayne Senior Services Office, located in the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road, in Wayne.

Experienced legal staff members will provide free legal assistance to seniors on most civil cases including, guardianship, conservatorship, wills, trusts, power of attorney, nursing homes and Medicare/Medicaid.

Seniors must sign in by 12:30 p.m. and attend the presentation in order to receive additional assistance.

Register for the presentation by Tuesday, Feb. 7 by calling (734-721-7460) or at the Senior Services office. All Wayne County residents 60 and older are eligible for the free service.

The seminar will be presented by Elder Law and Advocacy Center of Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan.

Scholarship applications available

Each year the Plymouth Rotary Club awards scholarships to students who reside in the Plymouth Canton school district. This year, Rotary will award two scholarships valued at $10,000 over a four-year period as well as a number of additional scholarships valued at approximately $8,000.

These scholarships are unique because they are based upon well-rounded individuals who have demonstrated academic success as well as leadership qualities and exhibit the characteristics of "Service above Self."

Applications are available in the high school counseling office or on line at www.plymouthrotary.org.

The deadline for applications is March 3.

Student

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Michigan Ross School of Business Enriching Academics and Collaborating with High Schools Program (MREACH). Pittman has participated in both programs and in addition to excelling academically is involved in the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., AKA Teens, mentoring program and a variety of extracurricular activities at Romulus High School including: the National Honor Society, band, softball team, cheerleading and the Gear Up Program.

She advised anyone interested in a business career to apply to the LEAD program.

"Do it! Turn in everything on time and embrace this opportunity with open arms, eyes, and ears. I am so grateful to Ms. Denham for providing me with the information to apply for LEAD and pushing me to finish the application. This is an experience I will forever be grateful for and I am not just saying this. I mean this with my whole heart.

"I still have my group chat with all of the LEAD students and RTAs and we can just talk about anything and support each other. We make it a mission to visit each other and stay in communication no matter what state anyone is in," Pittman said.

More information about LEAD is available at http://www.leadprogram.org/ . The application deadline for summer 2017 is Feb. 15.

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